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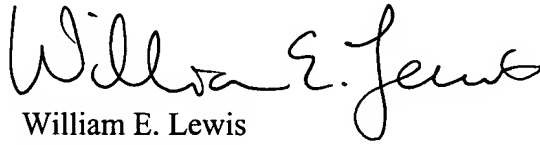
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Application - 20 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
6 Sheets of informal drawing(s)
Declaration (unexecuted)

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Total Claims	19-20 =	0	x \$18 =	\$0
Independent Claims	5-3 =	2	x \$86 =	\$172
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